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Here comes the snow

Winter storm. Halifax could see 30 centimetres



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If you've been waiting patiently for that first big snowfall, your wait appears to be over.

Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement for the province, including Halifax, as a large dumping of snow is expected to fall across the region on Tuesday.

"It looks like a significant amount of snow," said Carmen Hartt, a meteorologist with Environment Canada. "I don't see 30 (centimetres) being out of the realm of possibilities."

The Weather Network was calling for anywhere between 25 and 35 centimetres on Tuesday, with a few more centimetres on Wednesday.

"Forty (centimetres) would be pushing it at this point," Hartt said.

The storm — which is expected to bring to an end what

Quoted

"It looks like it's going to be the worse one so far this winter."

Carmen Hartt, a meteorologist with Environment Canada, about the approaching storm

has been a quiet winter, snow-wise — should begin over the southern portion of the province on Tuesday morning.

Hartt said the big question is where specifically — and when — an expected changeover to rain will happen.

She said pinpointing that changeover will help determine how much snow Halifax will get.

"Then we'll also see how much of (the snow) will be washed away by the rain," Hartt added.

Hartt said a heavy snowfall warning could be issued on Monday for the storm, which could result in school in the Halifax Regional School Board being closed for the first time this winter.



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Magazine Hill

Driver hospitalized after truck crashes into power pole

A truck driver was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after the truck hydroplaned and crashed into a power pole near Magazine Hill.

The accident happened at 10:50 p.m. Saturday on Windmill Road toward Sackville during a period of heavy rain.

Police say when the driver hit the power pole, it caused the transformer to fall off the pole.

The road had to be shut down in both directions for several hours while Nova Scotia Power workers fixed the pole.

The road was reopened at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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Investigation

Teen cyclist dies in hospital

A 17-year-old boy from Cape Breton has died after he was struck by a vehicle while riding his bicycle.

The Cape Breton Regional Police Service responded to a motor vehicle accident in Mill Creek Saturday night.

Police say when they arrived they found the boy on the road in serious condition.

The boy was brought to Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Halifax, where he died Sunday morning.

His name is being withheld until all next of kin have been notified.

Police in Cape Breton are still investigating the accident.

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Vandalism

Tires slashed on 20 vehicles in Halifax

Police are investigating a rash of vandalism in a Halifax neighbourhood on the weekend.

Overnight Saturday police say at least 20 cars had their tires slashed — with incidents taking place on Willow, Dublin and Duncan streets, as well Chebucto Road.

Police were still taking in reports from the public on Sunday. Anyone with information about the incidents are asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

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Investigators work to clear the scene where a large quantity of unidentified chemicals was found in a residence in Grand Desert on Saturday. Less than 24 hours after an evacuation order was lifted, most people along the quiet stretch of road were just looking forward to life returning to normal.

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'I'm just happy that everything is over'

Grand Desert. Local neighbourhood returning to normal after evacuation order lifted

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After days of national news attention and swarms of law enforcement, Dyke Road in Grand Desert on Sunday was almost eerily quiet.

Gulls flew overhead and the cottage that had been stacked with dangerous chemicals was now empty and abandoned.

Less than 24 hours after an evacuation order was lifted, most people along the quiet

At a glance

Osmium tetroxide is a highly toxic chemical that is alleged to have been at Christopher Phillips' cottage on Dyke Road.

stretch of road were just looking forward to life returning to normal.

"I'm just happy that everything is over and everyone is safe," one man who lives nearby said.

He declined to give his name, citing a constant stream of media over the past week.

This rural area gained national notoriety after the discovery of dangerous chemicals in a cottage owned by Christo-

pher Phillips, 42, who has been charged with possession of a weapon for dangerous purposes and uttering threats.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between Boxing Day and Jan. 21. Phillips was arrested in Ottawa last Wednesday.

The plan for the dozens of kinds of chemicals found, many of which were flammable or toxic, hasn't been made public by police.

Officers began searching the small cottage, set back from the road, on Jan. 20, and issued an evacuation order for nearby properties that lasted more than four days.

The site was declared safe by RCMP on Saturday afternoon.

"There is no threat to public safety at the Dyke Road scene,"

the RCMP said in a statement when the evacuation order was finally lifted.

On Sunday morning, Phillips' cottage seemed completely normal. A peek through the window showed a table and chairs, but certainly no chemicals.

It was almost as if nothing had happened, as if the eyes of the country weren't focused on this remote shed just a couple days before.

"It's been very strange," said Todd McMahon, who lives outside the evacuation zone but travels along Dyke Road nearly every day.

"This is a quiet place where people like to get away. It's not somewhere you'd expect this sort of thing to happen. Not at all."

Chemicals stacked up to the ceiling: Police

Investigators found chemicals in a variety of containers stacked floor-to-ceiling inside a cottage and shed, some of which were "unstable," the RCMP said Friday as the man accused in the case appeared in court.

Chief Supt. Roland Wells of the Halifax RCMP provided an update on their investigation into the discovery of chemicals in Grand Desert that led to the arrest of a 42-year-old man.

"Within the cottage is a variety of containers filled with

chemicals stacked from floor to ceiling. Many of these chemicals are unstable, so we must use extreme caution and care," Wells told a news conference at the Cole Harbour RCMP detachment.

"It's extremely complex — unlabelled chemicals piled from floor to ceiling, some inside fridges, some inside other appliances."

His comments came before Christopher Burton Phillips appeared briefly in Dartmouth provincial court on charges of



Christopher Burton Phillips

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

uttering threats and possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Crown attorney Perry Borden said he wants to ask for a psychiatric assessment to deter-

mine fitness to stand trial. Legal aid defence lawyer Jill Lacey asked for time to prepare a response to the application.

Judge Flora Buchan adjourned the case until Thursday and Phillips was remanded into custody.

Outside court, Borden said if an assessment for fitness to stand trial is granted, it could take 20 to 30 days to complete.

Borden said he is asking to keep Phillips in jail due to the serious nature of the charges.

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Facebook 'like' not always a literal 'like': Tech experts

Dalhousie. Dentistry controversy case involves 13 students belonging to a private social media group

A "like" on Facebook should not always be taken literally, say tech experts, who are closely watching the case of 13 Dalhousie University students suspended for their actions on the social network.

The case is interesting for many reasons, including the fact that it exposes how users often don't appreciate that nothing is truly private online, said Aimee Morrison, an associate chairwoman in the English department at the University of Waterloo.

"We're in this moment with social media where people haven't quite modulated their behaviour in what is actually a pretty public space," said Morrison, who studies digital issues.

The 13 fourth-year dentistry students belonged to a school-related private Facebook group, which was set up when they met each other in 2011.

One of the students, Ryan Millet, has gone public to protest his suspension, claiming that he helped expose offensive posts in the group, including misogynistic comments about some

Quoted

"If I was involved in a group with English professors at Waterloo and it's every professor in my department and then it gets kind of offensive, I would probably feel very awkward about leaving and being the only person to leave because ... you're making a pretty strong statement."

Aimee Morrison, an associate chair in the English department at the University of Waterloo

female classmates.

Lawyer Bruce MacIntosh suggested at a recent news conference his client, a father of three, didn't interact much with his fellow students outside of class and used the group to stay in touch.

Millet's lawyers say that he added a Facebook "like" to a suggestive photo of a woman sitting on the steps of a public building with a sign tucked under her folded legs that reads "public entrance."

While not specifically referring to that photo, Morrison said she believes Dalhousie's administration does not truly understand the nuances behind how users



Ryan Millet, a Dalhousie University dentistry student, arrives for a disciplinary hearing in Halifax on Jan. 20.
JEFF HARPER/METRO

behave on Facebook and are looking at the act of "liking" a post too simplistically.

Leaving a "like" on a post doesn't always mean that a person literally likes that content, Morrison said, especially when users feel social pressures to acknowledge friends' posts.

"These are kinds of (on-

line) social norms of behaviour.

"It's the same as in real life when you meet somebody," Morrison said.

"There are some people you know you should shake their hand, some people you know they're going to want to hug you, and other people don't like to be touched.

Some people you sit beside and some people you sit across from. These are negotiated patterns of interaction.

"If we were going to determine relative levels of culpability among people in this particular Facebook group," she continued, "we would have to understand what

Likes

Seeking validation

Young people especially often place a very high value on having their photos and comments "liked" and know their friends also crave that validation, said Matthew Johnson, director of education for the non-profit organization MediaSmarts, which researches how kids and teens are growing up in today's digital age.

"'Likes' are strongly taken as a measure of popularity. There's often a lot of stress, for instance, when a photo is posted, over how many 'likes' it will receive," Johnson said.

"But young people do have to understand that when they're 'liking' something negative they are adding their own voice; they're essentially joining in."

normal modes of behaviour there were ... does every comment get a 'like'? Are there people who just indiscriminately 'like' everything and that's just what they do everywhere on Facebook, or are there people who only 'like' stuff that they really agree with?"

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Pep rally cheers on N.S. Canada Games team



Team Nova Scotia lantern-holder Kirsti Mason, left, at a pep rally on Saturday. BRAEDON CLARK/FOR METRO

Nova Scotia's team for the 2015 Canada Games braved wet weather on Saturday for a pep rally at the Emera Oval.

Despite the snow-rain mix that soaked everyone, the athletes and coaches, all dressed in smart white-and-blue outfits, showed a great deal of enthusiasm in preparation for the upcoming Games.

Carly Jackson, a hockey goalie, and Jared Goad, a trampoliner, were announced as the flagbearers for the opening and closing ceremonies.

"I just can't wait to get out there on the ice and show the other provinces what we can do," Jackson said after the an-

nouncement. Goad wasn't present at the rally.

Also announced was the selection of Kirsti Mason, the captain of Nova Scotia's ringette team, as the lantern holder for the Games' ceremonies.

Each province and territory will carry a lantern originally lit by the Eternal Flame on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

"I'm really looking forward to the experience of the Games and sharing it with 17 of my best friends," Mason said, in reference to her teammates.

Nova Scotia chef de mission Mark Smith also took to the podium to remind the dozens of athletes standing before him to

enjoy every aspect of the competition.

"Do your best, but make sure you soak everything in," he said.

In addition to the athletes, coaches and visiting dignitaries, many parents and friends huddle under umbrellas, emerging every once in a while to take pictures.

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2015 Games

The Games will be held in Prince George, B.C., Feb. 13 to March 1.

Stellarton. Teenager in recovery after stabbing

Police in Nova Scotia say a 16-year-old boy is recovering in hospital following a stabbing in Stellarton.

The Stellarton Police Department says the stabbing

happened in a parking lot on Grant Street shortly before 6 p.m. Friday.

The victim was airlifted to a Halifax hospital from Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow.

Police say they have taken a 19-year-old man from Westville into their custody.

He is facing charges of aggravated assault, possession of a weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

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Court date

A 19-year-old man is scheduled to appear in Pictou provincial court on Monday.

North Preston. Youth in drive-by surrenders

Halifax RCMP say a male youth who was wanted in connection with a shooting in North Preston last September has turned himself in.

The shooting happened around 6 p.m. on Sept. 26 on Downey Road. Police say a man in his late teens or early 20s

was walking with a 20-year-old woman when a vehicle pulled up next to them and someone inside fired several shots.

The male victim wasn't hurt, but the woman was struck in the arm.

A Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued on Oct. 2. According to a release, the suspect turned himself in to Halifax RCMP headquarters on Thursday.

He has been charged with two counts of attempted murder and several weapons offences. METRO

Court date

The suspect will remain in custody until a court appearance on Feb. 12.

Indian Brook

Charges laid after attack on woman and police officers

Police in Indian Brook have charged a man after a woman and officers were attacked on Friday night.

Michael Thibeaux Jr., 29, is facing numerous charges, including assault and attempting to disarm an officer.

Police received a report of an assault on a 25-year-old woman on Meadow Brook Road and were attacked when they responded. The woman's name has not been released.

Thibeaux and two RCMP officers were sent to Colchester Regional Hospital, treated for their injuries and released.

Thibeaux will appear in Shubenacadie provincial court on Jan. 25. METRO



The Lady Josephine appears the main stage at the Everything to Do With Sex Show as part of a burlesque showcase on Sunday at the Cunard Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Your humble guide to the truly exotic

Everything to Do With Sex Show. Volunteers even make latex womb seem approachable

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In one corner, leather belts and masks and whips dangle in rows. In another, more innocent items: lotions and candles and lingerie.

Then there was the so-called Kink Corner, a dark and mysterious place in the back

where photos weren't allowed and the mind wandered to some unexpected places.

The seventh annual Everything to Do With Sex Show invaded the Cunard Centre over the weekend, and on Sunday showed no signs of slowing down. Couples walked the floor hand-in-hand — most young, but some middle-aged and even a few seniors.

"In my mind, there's nothing to be embarrassed about when you come here," said Tony Williams, who was at the show with his girlfriend, Jessica. "Everybody's open, and it's actually a really comfortable atmosphere."

Quoted

"About 90 per cent of people like it."

Mr. Sullivan, speaking about the latex sleeping bag, for lack of a better term

On Sunday afternoon, a burlesque show took over the main stage, where machines pumped smoke into the air — but not enough to obstruct the view of what was happening on stage.

At the other end of the space, near Kink Corner, was a most interesting piece of equipment: a large latex sheet that people could cloak them-

selves in. It was fully sealed, so people inside used a tube to breathe.

While it looked a bit claustrophobic, volunteer Mr. Sullivan, who was running the demonstration, said most people enjoyed it.

"It's a sensory-deprivation thing," he said from behind a black mask. "Since you can't see and can barely hear, all of your other senses are heightened, especially touch."

"It feels very warm and comfortable when you're inside," said Mathius, who was helping people in and out of the contraption. "Like being in the womb."

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"It's made me stronger, taught me a lot. Made me more understanding of my fellow human beings."

Andy Ashton, on his time at the Metro Turning Point men's shelter



Andy Ashton stands on Gottingen Street, home to resources such as the Shelter Nova Scotia office, Grace Street Mission, and near Souls Harbour soup kitchen. HALEY RYAN/METRO

Homelessness in Halifax: A 'family' in difficult times

Housing. Sense of community — so important in the shelter system — should continue once residents move on, say advocates



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Andy Ashton runs a hand through his long brown hair and smiles tiredly as he meets me at a north-end café.

His other hand is around his coffee mug as he tells me he's been up since the day before on one of his regular "walks."

Ashton says he often leaves his Dartmouth home and treks around Halifax, visiting soup kitchens and missions, and sometimes staying in a shelter, to check on the friends he made over the past few years while living full-time at the Metro Turning Point men's shelter.

"Making sure certain people are off the streets and they've got somewhere," says Ashton, 48, adding he sometimes has to act as peacekeeper when disagreements spring up in shelters.

"I know certain people, and I realize they have liquor in them and that's what's talking," he adds. "If I can help one individual, I've succeeded."

As we walk down the street, he stops to chat with a grey-haired man carrying a pharmacy bag and Ashton promises to come by his apartment. As we keep walking, Ashton smiles and nods, telling me he's glad to see the man taking his medication without being reminded.

After growing up in Waverley and Shubenacadie, Ashton says he started travelling in his 20s to Toronto and Vancouver, where he worked as a stagehand to acts like The Rolling Stones and Cirque du Soleil before coming home in 2010 when his mother passed away.

Ashton says he is bipolar, and at the time he had a hard time finding the right medication while living in a rural area outside of Halifax, leading to weight gain and insomnia. He contemplated suicide until he switched medications and listened to a Dead Sara song — "and all of a sudden, life wasn't too bad."

Ashton says he "purposefully" moved to the Metro Turning Point as it was easier to look for a job on the peninsula and he doesn't drive. He found support, not only from

staff who helped him set goals, but from other residents. Their kind gestures, such as leaving dimes, rolling papers and cigarette butts on his bed while he slept, would make a huge difference, he says, adding it "starts your day and expands it from there."

With the support of the shelter community, Ashton says, he succeeded last summer in getting a Dartmouth apartment and part-time event technician job.

Melissa Phillips, acting executive director for Shelter Nova Scotia, says while the "housing first" model is gaining ground, there are long wait lists for public housing in Halifax (1,268 people in 2012 according to Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia) and the hardest work for residents is often maintaining housing once it's found.

Combating loneliness is key, Phillips says, since people often talk about the real sense of community in the shelter system and making connections with others facing similar challenges.

"I don't think that should be minimized," Phillips says.

She adds it's important to have a variety of housing such as units scattered in a neighbourhood with a range of incomes for those who want pri-

vacy and independence, and congregate-style units such as those at The Rebuilding where men leaving Turning Point can choose to stay in an apartment next to someone they know and are comfortable with.

Dr. Jeff Karabanow, professor of social work at Dalhousie University, says there's also merit to boarding-room-style living, where residents have their own room but share a kitchen with friends, and housing co-ops, both which work to curb feelings of isolation.

"There is a real community ... that gets fractured when you start moving people off the street into more secure environments, so we have to be cautious," he says.

Ashton says people panhandling in Halifax want to be acknowledged, even when you don't have anything to give. He says one of the best musicians he's ever heard plays guitar on the street for his income.

"He was playing one day down on the harbourfront and ... the acoustics and his voice was unreal. Unreal," Ashton tells me, shaking his head.

"The (Vancouver) Downtown Eastside is the poorest postal code in Canada, and people see nothing but alcoholics and junkies down there, but it's family. And it's the same way down here."

Sharon's story

'Living here has really opened my eyes'

Although the idea of living in a homeless shelter was uncomfortable for Sharon, she says the staff and other women set her at ease as soon as she stepped into Barry House.

Sharon, who preferred not to give her last name, grew up in New Brunswick and travelled the country before walking 200 kilometres and hitchhiking to Halifax from Moncton last summer.

She hasn't been able to find a job in her janitorial field just yet, and moved into Barry House a month ago, but Sharon says she knows there is a company out there waiting for a janitor with high standards.

"It was kind of difficult at first because I'm an independent person," the 58-year-old says, sitting with crossed legs on a chair in the Barry House office as staff type away on computers and call for more bus tickets.

"I never in my wildest dreams ever thought that I'd be out of work."

A lot of support comes from the staff, Sharon says, and other women in the house who all have a different story.

"It surely does teach you a lot about what we miss in other individuals, and how fortunate we all are that we have a job, that we have a home," she says, leaning forward and peering through tinted glasses.

"Living here has really opened my eyes in so many ways, that we're all human beings and we just want a decent life."



Sharon, 58, sits on the steps of Barry House on Gottingen Street, which has been her home for the past month. HALEY RYAN/METRO

Short term

90%

The percentage of people in shelters who only stay once, or for a short period of time, according to Shelter Nova Scotia.

Income assistance

\$538

Monthly income assistance for one person: \$538. Average bachelor apartment: \$690. (2012 numbers from Affordable Housing Nova Scotia)

Total

1,860

Number of people who stayed in HRM shelters in 2012 (which includes 1,018 men and 570 women), according to Affordable Housing Nova Scotia.

Feral-cat committee proposed

City council. District 11 Coun. Stephen Adams says experts can help with growing population of strays



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One Halifax-area councillor believes forming a committee of experts dedicated to the welfare of animals could lead to a potential fix for the city's cat problem.

District 11 Councillor Stephen Adams says helping the city's many felines has been a topic of discussion since a group of councillors signed the Tuxedo Stan pledge in 2012, in which they promised to help the city's growing feral cat population and one day form a committee around the issue.

Nearly three years later,



The proposed Domestic Animal Advisory Committee would include vets, members of cat rescue groups, the Nova Scotia SPCA, and a provincial representative from the Department of Natural Resources, according to Coun. Adams' initiative, to help guide council to deal with HRM's stray cats, such as the one in this photo. METRO FILE PHOTO

Adams sees the interest to do more is still there, but is currently on hold due to a lack of knowledge.

"Right now our expertise

is not stray cats," he said of city staff and councillors on Friday. "We know about snowplows and potholes and things like that."

At Tuesday's council meeting, Adams plans to table a motion for the creation of a Domestic Animal Advisory Committee, which

would include local veterinarians, members from cat rescue groups and Nova Scotia SPCA, as well as a provincial representative from

the Department of Natural Resources.

"You probably won't find a more dedicated group to a cause," he said of the organizations.

He explained the committee would give "more of a voice" to the stray cat problem in the city and guide council on the best course of action in tackling issues such as the implementation of a more affordable and accessible sterilization program.

Adams explains he feels confident his motion to form a committee will be approved, citing there is no additional cost to the municipality.

"(A committee) may offer some solutions to an issue that people will not be aware of," he said.

A spokesperson from the Nova Scotia SPCA said education is the key to ensuring the well-being of all animals and any initiative that aims to bolster public awareness is welcome.

City staff report suggests new development fees

City staffers are recommending that HRM move to collect charges from developers for an expanded list of structures and services — though the decline in residential construction means the benefit may be substantially less than expected.

A staff report going to

regional council on Tuesday recommends council direct staff to develop an approach to collect development charges for "transportation, transit, parks, playgrounds, trails, bicycle paths, swimming pools, ice arenas, recreation centres, fire departments, and public libraries."

HRM is authorized under

provincial legislation to charge developers for the growth-related share of infrastructure that is needed to support development.

Regional capital cost contributions (CCCs) cover such services as sewer and solid waste services, but new charges approved in July 2014 addressed transit and

transportation services.

The report notes that provincial legislation introduced in November authorized the city to also collect CCCs for the expanded list of services and structures.

In July, it was estimated that the new transit and transportation charges would bring in \$3.5 million

annually in revenue.

However, the report notes that single-unit housing construction has been in steady decline since 2013, and suggests that if development activity continues at the current pace, about \$700,000 would be collected in 2015.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

Timeline

The staff report calls for a "thorough examination" of all collect charges, expected to take one year and to include a schedule for implementing fees over time.

Fire hall closure plans raise resident concerns

The councillor for a Halifax district where a fire station is recommended for closure says the idea isn't getting much support from her residents.

"Practically everybody has been concerned or against the potential closure," said District 8 Councillor Jennifer Watts.

Council's Committee of the Whole will debate a review of the city's fire service Tuesday that includes a proposal to close three fire stations in Halifax and several rural stations.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Chief Doug Trussler told council's executive standing committee in December the closures in Halifax, Dartmouth and Sackville are necessary to free up personnel for two lad-



Coun. Jennifer Watts said her constituents worry about fire crews' response time, especially going through rush hour traffic. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

der trucks, one in Halifax and one in Dartmouth.

If those trucks remain understaffed, Trussler said an underwriters study has indicated possible increased insurance premiums in the area.

"If a truck needs to be coming from Bayers Road or West Street during rush-hour traffic,

how is the truck going to get up on Agricola ...within the five-minute travel time?"

Watts said the residents of seniors' facilities and homes have also raised concerns about the response time for medical emergencies that are often initially handled by firefighters.

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Money. Tax clinics to help people with low incomes

For most people, doing income taxes is seen as a chore — even a nuisance. But for many living below the poverty line, receiving a yearly tax return can mean making rent or buying groceries.

Ashley Clarke is a regional outreach partner officer with the Canada Revenue Agency in Halifax, and is spreading the word about one of the agency's programs, which aims to make tax season more accessible for the financially insecure.

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is about to kick off its 44th year, and will partner with different organizations around the city to train volunteers and host clinics where low-income earners are welcome to have their taxes done — for free.

"If someone doesn't file their tax return and they're in a low-income situation and say they're getting GST credit, if they don't file they're not going to get their credits anymore. So, it's really all about these eligible individuals get-

ting every-thing they're entitled to," Clarke explained on Friday.

"A lot of people need that money, very badly."

Participating in the program is simple: If you're single and earn up to \$30,000 or a couple whose annual income totals \$40,000 or less, with an extra \$2,500 given for each child, you can bring your T4 slips and either drop in or sign up for one of the many clinics around the city, where volunteers will file your taxes for you on the spot.

Clarke said clinics will be open throughout March and April, but coming up before that will be volunteer training in February for anyone who likes math, or just feels like giving back to their community. **STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO**



Ashley Clarke

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Crime. Woman arrested over stolen credit card

A woman wanted by police in connection with the use of a credit card stolen from a parked car has been arrested and charged, in relation to multiple thefts from cars at local parks.

Halifax Regional Police stated last week that a woman called police late last November to report her car had been broken into while parked at Frog Pond on Purcells Cove Road.

The woman said she had gone for a walk, and when she returned, she found her car window smashed and her purse missing.

Police said Tuesday that the victim's credit card was used almost immediately at several local businesses, and released images of a female suspect al-

Charges

A 23-year-old Halifax woman is now facing charges connected to the Frog Pond theft, as well as to two previous thefts from cars parked at Point Pleasant Park.

legedly using the stolen credit card.

On Friday, a release from Halifax Regional Police states investigators identified the suspect based on several tips from the public.

Shortly after midnight Thursday, patrol officers pulled over a vehicle at the intersection of Old Sambro and Dentith and arrested a female passenger in the vehicle. **METRO**

Cape Breton

Police identify woman found dead after fire

Police in Sydney have released the name of a woman whose body was discovered inside a home following a suspicious fire last week.

Cape Breton Regional Police say the provincial medical examiner's office

has positively identified 50-year-old Donna Mae Hannaford.

Hannaford's body was found early Jan. 19 following the fire on the Ligan Road.

Police say she was living in the home at the time of the fire.

Police also say that they have accounted for everyone who was living in the home.

The investigation continues. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Citadel Hill worth \$41 million: Panel

Dispute. Mayor of Halifax calls decision 'reasonable and fair'

A federal panel has valued Halifax's Citadel Hill at \$41.2 million in a decades-long dispute between the city and the federal government, about \$37.6 million more than Ottawa argued the national historic site was worth.

The two sides went before the Payments in Lieu of Taxes advisory panel in Halifax over seven days last June and July to help determine how much Ottawa owes the city in back taxes for Citadel Hill.

The amount has yet to be settled, about 2-1/2 years after the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in favour of Halifax and more than 20 years after the disagreement began.

In the panel's Jan. 15 decision, it said based on evidence presented by appraisers and city planners from both sides, that it has determined that the land's market value is about \$41.2 million for the 2013 assessment year.

An appraiser for Ottawa set its worth at about \$12.1 million, but the federal Public Works Department argued it should be valued at a 70 per cent discount because of the national historic site's land restrictions, bringing Citadel Hill's value down to about \$3.6 million, the decision said.

The city put forth two property assessments during the hearing, which was closed to the public, saying the land was worth \$51 million and \$68 million, the panel said.

Mayor Mike Savage says although the panel's recommendation is less than what the city had argued, he supports the decision.



Members of the 78th Highlanders train at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site in Halifax in 2011. A federal panel has valued the site at \$41.2 million. **ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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"We think that the next step is clear, that we should all follow the findings of the panel."

Mayor Mike Savage

"It's not everything that the city had suggested, but I think it's reasonable and fair," said Savage in a recent interview.

"So we're obviously sup-

portive of that and look forward to the next step."

The Supreme Court ruled in June 2012 that Ottawa cannot set payments based on its own property value assess-

ments that are far lower than provincial assessments.

But the decision didn't include a value for the site in downtown Halifax, and the two sides were not able to come to an agreement on their own.

The panel's decision said although the site will never be sold, public lands are still valuable and therefore have a market value.

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Irving Shipbuilding given navy contracts

The federal government confirmed Friday that Irving Shipbuilding Inc. of Halifax will be the prime contractor on the planned replacement for the navy's frigates.

Two days ago, defence and government sources told The Canadian Press that the company would be the lead firm

in the program.

Irving Shipbuilding, under the name Saint John Shipbuilding, was the lead contractor on the construction of the existing frigates in the late 1980s and throughout the 1990s.

Federal officials also formally announced that Irving

Shipbuilding has been awarded a \$2.3-billion build contract for six Arctic Patrol vessels.

Officials from Public Works and National Defence confirmed the contract last week during a briefing in Ottawa with Irving Shipbuilding president Kevin McCoy.

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First phase

The announcement marks the start of the construction phase under the federal shipbuilding procurement strategy.

Social media. Terror acts reveal online hate speech

The recent terror attacks in Paris have unleashed a barrage of anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant comments on the Facebook pages of federal politicians and their parties in Canada — much of it plainly visible to the public.

Managing racist, sexist, homophobic and harassing material is just one of the new challenges facing parties who want to have an active social media presence, grounded in the concept of free speech and open dialogue.

A Jan. 7 post on Stephen Harper's Facebook account, in which the prime minister said he was "horrified by the barbaric attacks in France," received approximately 575 comments. Some six dozen — expressing support for blocking immigration from Islamic countries, closing Canada's borders or just criticizing Islam — were still on the page two weeks later.

"Time to step down on all Islamic communities worldwide," wrote one visitor to the page.

Said another, "All Muslims should go home and never be let back here please Mr. Harper make that happen they steal real people's jobs that belong to us Canadians."

A Jan. 14 Conservative Party of Canada Facebook post entitled Protecting Canadians from Barbaric Cultural Practices — aimed at promoting the government's legislation barring forced or child marriages — elicited similar sentiments.

Paula Todd, digital media professor and author of Extreme Mean: Trolls, Bullies and Predators Online, said some offensive speech should be left online so that it can be exposed and critiqued by others.

"We're discovering the effects of putting all this horrible stuff online," said Todd.

"One of the effects is that because it's 24 hours a day, because it flies around the world in seconds, and because it's permanent, these kinds of hate attacks can be more damaging than just the face to face." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business. Edmonton pair launch glitter revenge site

Canadians looking to get some revenge via glitter now have a homegrown solution.

Edmonton-based Josh Singer and his wife, Jessica, have launched SparklyRevenge.ca, and for \$9.99, they'll mail the target of your choice an envelope full of glitter that's guaranteed to "get everywhere."

"You open it and it'll fall on your desk, but by next week it'll be all over your chair," Singer said. "Heck, it's all over my dog right now."

Singer got the idea from Ship Your Enemies Glitter, an Australian site that became an international sensation after launching earlier this month. Demand for so-called "glitter bombs" actually crashed the website, prompting its 22-year-old owner to call it quits.



Jessica and Josh Singer
CONTRIBUTED

"People need a way to feel vindicated, and we're offering an outlet for that," he said.

That said, while some of Singer's customers are out for revenge, most want a laugh.

"People are mailing it to friends and family. One person even sent one with a note that said, 'Hi, mom.'"

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Federal politics

Parliament to resume Monday

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is trying to set the tone for Monday's resumption of Parliament by vowing his government will focus on jobs and economic security.

He told Conservative party supporters in a campaign-style speech in Ottawa today that despite global economic uncertainty, Canada is moving

ing in the right direction economically.

The Senate expenses scandal and the government's treatment of armed forces veterans will no doubt continue to be fodder for opposition outrage and government discomfort.

With an election on the horizon within nine months, opposition MPs are expected to train their sites primarily on the uncertain economy — the one issue most likely to move votes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Duty draws Auschwitz survivor back to Poland

Holocaust. Miriam Friedman Ziegler says she was 'lucky enough to live' and wants the 'world to know' about what she endured

On a cold January day in 1945, nine-year-old Miriam Friedman Ziegler watched as Red Army soldiers approached Auschwitz. An army photographer captured the historic moment: 13 wide-eyed children — Friedman Ziegler among them — staring out through the fence.

The thought of freedom was a scary notion for the Jewish girl who'd spent a year in Auschwitz separated from the rest of her family.

"What's going to happen to me now?" she recalls thinking at the time. "I have nobody."

She would later reunite with her mother, but her father never made it out of the infamous Nazi camp alive.

Auschwitz has become a symbol of the horrors of the Holocaust, in which six million Jews were systematically killed.

Friedman Ziegler, who lives in Thornhill, Ont., is among about 100 survivors who are returning to Poland this week to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

"I swore I would never go back to Poland, but I feel it's my duty now to do it," Friedman Ziegler said during a recent Canadian Press interview.

On Monday, she will reunite for the first time with four of the girls — now women in their 70s and 80s — featured in the iconic photo. A new photo will capture the moment. This time, in the comfort of a hotel in Krakow, Poland.

Friedman Ziegler's journey began in 1940 in Radom, Po-



Miriam Friedman Ziegler, 79, an Auschwitz holocaust survivor, shows her tattoo identification number as she tells her story at her home in Ontario on Jan. 19, 2015. Friedman Ziegler, who has rarely spoken about her time at the camp, will join 100 other survivors in Poland to mark 70 years since their liberation. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

land, where her father ran a couple of stores.

Life was idyllic, she said, until one day the Nazi tanks rolled into town. Her mother took off with Friedman Ziegler to her grandparents' house in a nearby town via horse and buggy. But the man driving the buggy tossed them en route, fearing for his life.

They eventually reached her grandparents, well ahead of the Nazi's eventual arrival.

However, when she turned eight, the Nazis caught them and loaded her and her parents in cattle cars and shipped them to Auschwitz.

The children were separated from the adults and placed in the adjacent Birkenau death camp, where Friedman Ziegler found some of her cousins, and others who would become lifelong friends.

One day the Nazis abandoned the camp temporarily and the children, including

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Miriam Friedman Ziegler

Friedman Ziegler, snuck off to Auschwitz where they raided the barracks for food and clothing and then returned to camp.

When the Nazis returned they asked anyone who wanted to walk to freedom to line up. They shot everyone in line.

Auschwitz was liberated on Jan. 27, 1945.

After Auschwitz, Friedman Ziegler spent time in various hospitals and orphanages in eastern Europe. Eventually, she came to Canada as part of a group of 1,000 child refugees.

She lived for a while in Hamilton with relatives — memories of death and suffering

still fresh in her mind.

Two years later her mother came to Canada and the pair settled in Toronto. She eventually met her husband — also a Holocaust survivor — on a blind date. The couple has three children.

"I had a very, very good life," she said. "I never dreamt that I would live in such a beautiful place."

She has rarely spoken about what happened during the Holocaust, even to her family.

"I'm hearing some of these horrible stories for the first time," said her daughter, Adrienne Shulman, who is accompanying her mother to Poland.

The interviews and media attention has worn down Friedman Ziegler. She's emotional and ready to move on, but believes it is her duty to talk.

"I was lucky enough to live," she said. "I want the world to know."

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First Nations youth learn HTML basics

Squamish Nation member Khelsilem is fluent in his native tongue and passionately spearheading a project to revitalize indigenous languages. But he wants to turbocharge his linguistic proficiency by learning an entirely new and universal language — computer coding.

The 25-year-old from North Vancouver plans to preserve and share the Squamish and Downriver Halkomelem languages by acquiring coding

skills, which he'll use to construct a website that gives his community's lingual traditions worldwide reach.

"Geography is the biggest challenge we have as indigenous people when it comes to revitalizing languages," he said.

"Technology becomes a really big way for our people to come together in ways that we couldn't otherwise."

Khelsilem was among two tables of 20 laptop-laden First

Nations people adding their beat to the rhythmic key tapings of 500 British Columbians who gathered over the weekend for a massive computer coding bootcamp.

The idea was to offer free lessons in basic coding languages, including HyperText Markup Language (HTML).

The targeted inclusion of First Nations at the event was conceived to increase employability in Canada's aboriginal

communities, while taking advantage of the fastest-growing population of young people to help fill jobs skills gaps.

The 2014 B.C. Technology Report Card tallied some 84,000 technology jobs two years earlier, bringing in revenue of more than \$23 billion.

Tech is the province's second fastest growing sector, employing more people than mining, forestry and oil and gas combined. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Anti-bailout party's win in Greece threatens renewed market turmoil

Syriza. Party won on promises to renegotiate bailout deal and reverse austerity measures

A radical left-wing party vowing to end Greece's painful austerity program won a historic victory in Sunday's parliamentary elections, setting the stage for a showdown with the country's international creditors that could shake the eurozone.

Alexis Tsipras, leader of the communist-rooted Syriza party, immediately promised to end the "five years of humiliation and pain" that Greece has endured since an international bailout saved it from bankruptcy in 2010.

With 80 per cent of polling stations counted, Syriza had 36 per cent versus 28 per cent for Prime Minister Antonis Samaras' conservatives.

It remained to be seen whether Syriza had enough seats to govern outright or would have to seek support from other parties. That might

not become clear until Monday morning or even later, when all the votes are counted.

If Tsipras, 40, can put together a government, he will be Greece's youngest prime minister in 150 years.

The prospect of an anti-bailout government coming to power in Greece has sent jitters through the financial world, reviving fears of a Greek bankruptcy that could reverberate across the eurozone.

"The sovereign Greek people today have given a clear, strong, indisputable mandate. Greece has turned a page. Greece is leaving behind the destructive austerity, fear and authoritarianism. It is leaving behind five years of humiliation and pain," Tsipras told a crowd of flag-waving supporters.

He won on promises to demand debt forgiveness and renegotiate the terms of Greece's 240-billion-euro (\$335 billion Canadian) bailout, which has kept the debt-ridden country afloat since mid-2010.

To qualify for the cash, Greece has had to impose deep and bitterly resented cuts in public spending, wages and



Leader of Syriza left-wing party Alexis Tsipras speaks to his supporters Sunday outside Athens University headquarters. A triumphant Tsipras told Greeks that his radical left Syriza party's win in Sunday's early general election meant an end to austerity measures. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

pensions, along with public sector layoffs and repeated tax increases. Its progress in reforms is reviewed by inspectors from the International Monetary Fund, European Commission and European Central Bank, collectively known as the troika, before each installment of

bailout funds can be released.

Tsipras pronounced the troika and its regular debt inspections "a thing of the past."

"The verdict of the Greek people ends, beyond any doubt, the vicious circle of austerity in our country," he said.

Greece's creditors insist the

country must abide by previous commitments to continue receiving support.

The centrist Potami party was battling for third place with the Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn, whose leader and several lawmakers campaigned from prison, where they are awaiting

Debt

Austerity at an end?

Syriza's anti-bailout rhetoric appealed to many in a country that, in the past five years, has seen a quarter of its economy wiped out, unemployment above 25 per cent, and average income losses of at least 30 per cent. But the win has renewed doubts over Greece's ability to emerge from the crisis, and generated fears that the country's finances could shock global markets and undermine the euro.

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trial on charges of participating in a criminal organization.

If Syriza falls shy of the 151 seats necessary to form a government on its own in the 300-seat parliament, it will have to seek support from other parties — either in a minority government or as part of a coalition.

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Images of slain Egypt protester revive focus on police violence



Egyptians march Sunday in Alexandria, Egypt, during the funeral procession of Shaimaa el-Sabagh, who was shot Saturday in downtown Cairo while taking part in a gathering commemorating the nearly 900 protesters killed in the revolution. HEBA KHAMIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Images of a mortally wounded protester, blood running down her face and hair as she was lifted from the pavement by a comrade, have touched off powerful criticism of Egypt's government on the anniversary of a revolution initially sparked by police brutality.

The photos and videos show a heavily armed police unit, with some members masked, shooting at a small, peaceful protest Saturday near Cairo's Tahrir Square in which 32-year-old Shaimaa el-Sabagh took part.

A labour rights activist with a history of involvement in protests that predated the country's 2011 revolution, el-Sabagh was also a poet and mother of a five-year-old boy.

She had travelled to Cairo from her home in Alexandria to attend the demonstration to demand police and officials be held accountable for protesters killed since the uprising four years ago that forced autocrat Hosni Mubarak from power.

She was killed by what authorities said was a blast of birdshot that pierced her heart and lungs from close range.

"I won't listen to anyone who undermines my resolve," she wrote on her Facebook page Saturday before taking part in the protest, saying she wouldn't pay attention to those who think there is no point in protesting anymore.

Mahienour el-Masry, an activist and friend of el-Sabagh's, described her as a firm believer in change who used to take her son along with her.

Her death renewed criticism of police use of force and the government's insistence that its crackdown is reserved for terrorists and

violent protesters.

A new page has already appeared on Facebook in her memory.

Security officials have sought to distance themselves from her death, saying that they only used tear gas against the protest and that violent elements infiltrate rallies to "drive a wedge" between the people and the police.

During scattered small protests on Sunday, at least 13 protesters were killed in clashes in which police said they were attacked.

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ISIL

Japan stunned after video shows hostages killed

From the prime minister to ordinary people, Japanese were shocked Sunday at a video purportedly showing one of two Japanese hostages of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group had been killed.

With attention focused on efforts to save the other hostage, some criticized Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's drive for a more assertive Japan as responsible. Abe appeared on public broadcaster NHK early Sunday demanding the militants release 47-year-old journalist Kenji Goto. He also offered condolences to the family and friends of Haruna Yukawa, a 42-year-old adventurer taken hostage in Syria last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Militant attack

Pakistan in the dark after blackout

A massive blackout struck Pakistan Sunday, leaving as much as 80 per cent of the country without electricity. A militant attack on a transmission tower caused the blackout, said Zafaryab Khan, a spokesman for the Ministry of Water and Power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alps

Bodies of six French skiers found

France's interior ministry says the bodies of six French skiers have been found a day after they were swept away by an avalanche in the French Alps. Mountain rescuers including 18 searchers, two dog handlers and a helicopter began searching Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vatican

Balloons used as peace symbol

Balloons, not doves, were released as a gesture of peace Sunday in St. Peter's Square, a year after an attack by a seagull and a crow on the birds sparked protests by animal protection groups.

For years children, flanking the pope at a window of the papal studio overlooking



Balloons fly at St. Peter's Square. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the square, set free a pair of doves on the last Sunday in January.

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Islamic supporters rally in Pakistan against Charlie Hebdo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France. Double standard for free speech, critics say

When cartoonists at a French publication that had poked fun at the Prophet Muhammad were shot dead, millions around the world felt it as an attack on freedom of speech.

Since the rampage that left 12 dead at the Charlie Hebdo offices and another four during a standoff with police at a kosher supermarket, French authorities have arrested dozens of people — including a comedian — for appearing to praise the terrorists or encourage more attacks.

That has unleashed accusations of a double standard, in which free speech applies to those who mock Islam while Muslims are penalized for expressing their own provocative views.

French police have arrested more than 70 people since the attacks for allegedly defending or glorifying terrorism.

The most famous is comedian Dieudonné M'Elba M'bala, charged over a Facebook post that says, "I feel like Charlie

Couloualy" — a merger of the names of magazine Charlie Hebdo and Amedy Coulibaly, the attacker who killed four hostages at the supermarket.

French law bans promoting racial or religious hatred, as well as inciting or defending terrorism or crimes against humanity.

Blasphemy, by contrast, is not illegal in France, so Charlie Hebdo's mockery of religion is regarded differently.

The arrests have been criticized by Amnesty International, which expressed concern about a new French law that permits sentences of up to seven years for defending or inciting terrorism.

"You have a French society that considers, not unjustly, that freedom of expression itself has come under attack," said Amnesty Europe Director John Dalhuisen. "You have to attack the criminals, but not in a way that undermines the idea."

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Deadly rocket attacks hike tension in Ukraine

Kyiv. Russian-backed rebels blamed for assault that killed 30 civilians in the coastal city of Mariupol

Ukraine's president said Sunday that intercepted radio and telephone conversations prove Russia-backed separatists were responsible for firing the rockets that pounded the southeastern city of Mariupol and killed at least 30 people and injured 95.

The attack on Mariupol, a strategically situated port city that had been relatively quiet for months, alarmed the West and looked likely to further aggravate relations with Russia.

Putting the blame squarely on Moscow, President Barack Obama said the U.S. would work with its European partners to "ratchet up the pressure on Russia."

European Union foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini later announced that EU foreign ministers would hold an "extraordinary" meeting in Brussels on Thursday to discuss Ukraine.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, speaking separately with Mogherini and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, told them the Ukrainian government bore responsibility for the latest military escalation, according to statements



Residents rally in Kyiv on Sunday in solidarity with victims of a rocket attack on Mariupol. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

released by his ministry. Lavrov did not, however, directly address who had carried out the attack on Mariupol and said it should be investigated.

Separatist leader Alexander Zakharchenko initially announced that his forces had begun an offensive on the government-controlled city of Mariupol. But after the extent of civilian casualties became known, he backtracked and blamed Ukrainian forces for Saturday's carnage.

The rocket attack came a day after the rebels rejected a peace deal and announced they were going on a multi-

pronged offensive against the government in Kyiv in a bid to seize more territory.

The rebel stance has upended European attempts to mediate an end to the fighting in eastern Ukraine that has cost at least 5,100 lives since April, according to United Nations estimates.

"The intercepted radio and telephone conversations, which were given to me by Ukraine's security services, irrefutably prove that the attack was conducted by the terrorists, who, unfortunately, are supported by Russia," President Petro Poroshenko

said during an emergency meeting of his security council.

In Mariupol, emergency workers disposed of rocket fragments left by the attack. Unexploded rockets were found in a bank and an apartment building. U.N. workers handed out blankets to people left homeless or without heat because of the shelling, which hit schools, homes and shops.

"The city is in shock," Mariupol resident Yelena Khorshenko said. "The streets are empty, and people are boarding up their windows and preparing for the worst."

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Spain

Brothers arrested to halt suspected terror-cell attack

Spanish police arrested four men Saturday in the country's North African enclave of Ceuta who allegedly had formed a terror cell.

Interior Minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz said investigators were struck by the similarities with the two French brothers who killed 12 people in the attack on Charlie Hebdo.

"These are two pairs of very radicalized brothers who are highly trained militarily, physically and mentally and are prepared to carry out an attack, and ready to blow themselves up in the act."

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Pakistan

Military planes hit rebels near Afghan border

Pakistani warplanes pounded militant sanctuaries near the northwestern Afghan border Sunday, killing 35 militants, the army said.

The airstrikes took place in the town of Datta Khel in the North Waziristan tribal region. The military has been conducting a major offensive there since June. The military claims to have killed more than 2,000 militants and lost nearly 200 soldiers in the operation.

The lawless tribal region has long been a haven for local and foreign militants.

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Nigeria

Troops battle extremist attack on Maiduguri

In fierce fighting Sunday that killed more than 200 combatants, Nigerian troops clashed with Islamic extremists who attacked Maiduguri, the biggest city in northeastern Nigeria, from three fronts.

At the same time, the insurgents continued scorched-earth attacks on villages 200 kilometres to the south in Adamawa state, slitting throats of residents, looting and burning homes and abducting dozens of trapped women and children, according to Vandu Kainu and other escaping survivors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fisher-Price looks for more diversity in its child models

Advertising. Toy maker sets up second studio in Buffalo to tap into the city's multicultural feel

Fisher-Price has long eschewed "professional" models for its packaging, instead using the babies and toddlers parents trundle into the toy maker's headquarters in the quaint western New York village of East Aurora about 32 kilometres from Buffalo.

The company recently began photographing children in a second studio, in Buffalo, to better reflect the faces in the 150 countries where its toys are sold.

"We need to make sure we have Hispanics, African-Americans, more Asian population," said Fisher-Price marketing executive Teresa



"Baby wrangler" Melanie Ruskin keeps 21-month-old Noelle Roberts engaged while a photographer records the moment at a Fisher-Price studio in Buffalo, N.Y., earlier this month. The toy maker recently began photographing children in Buffalo to tap into the urban centre's more multicultural feel and better reflect the faces in the 150 countries where Fisher-Price toys are sold. CAROLYN THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gonzalez Ruiz. Fisher-Price plans to use the Buffalo stu-

dio for about 25 per cent of its 4,000 annual shoots.

At a photo shoot earlier this month, 21-month-old

Noelle Roberts rolled cars down a track as a photographer knelt and lay on his stomach and snapped photos. "Baby wrangler" Melanie Ruskin played with Noelle, squealing and clapping to keep her engaged. The pictures could end up on a box for the toy track, or in an ad.

Noelle, who earned \$50 US for the session, was recruited by Gonzalez Ruiz, who spotted the brown-eyed African-American toddler with her mother inside a Buffalo drugstore.

Fisher-Price also reaches out to hospital maternity wards, immigrant groups and urban churches in search of a rainbow of newborns to five-year-olds. The company's internal marketers initially saw the need for more diversity, and it has raised the issue in the company's consciousness, Gonzalez Ruiz said.

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Ukraine

Ed Fast talks free trade in Kyiv

International Trade Minister Ed Fast arrived in Kyiv on Sunday for two days of talks on free trade as fighting intensifies between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russian separatists in the east of the embattled country.

Fast also plans to announce four initiatives. They will include greater support for economic and governance reform as well as a program to promote sustainable economic growth for Ukrainian small and medium-sized farm businesses.

The Harper government has handed out \$314 million in economic assistance to Kyiv since the crisis began last year.

Canada and Ukraine do about \$322 million in trade. The Harper government says it is looking for Canadian companies that want to invest in the agriculture and agri-food, aerospace, energy, mining and education sectors.

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VOICES

NOT JUST HIS FATHER'S SON

As Mike Savage embarks on the second half of his mandate as mayor, Halifax Matters columnist Stephen Kimber speaks with him about where we've been and where we should go as a city



HALIFAX MATTERS
Stephen Kimber

It's hard to imagine a 30-minute conversation with former mayor Peter Kelly that could skip seamlessly to and from topics as varied as these:

- The rebuilding of the Halifax Mooseheads.
- A previous life as a backbench opposition MP ("the only less relevant position being a backbencher on the government side").
- The job of Halifax mayor ("I like it, sometimes more than I allow myself to say").
- The number of people ("too many") who have frozen to death on the streets of Halifax.

- The Ivany report ("it's become a buzzword; I can show you letters on both sides of almost any issue from people who each think they're 'Ivany'").
- His mother's little-known obsession with psephology (the scientific analysis of elections).
- How he thinks his first term in office should be judged.
- Whether he will seek a second term ...

Mike Savage, thankfully, is not his predecessor.

Neither is he — and this is more interesting and complex — simply his father's son.

His father, John Savage, was a Scottish immigrant doctor and impatient social activist who became Dartmouth mayor, then Nova

Scotia premier because he wanted to change the world — now.

"He was not a conventional politician," notes his son. "He didn't like knocking on doors, didn't lick envelopes, didn't raise money for other politicians."

Savage grew up in a home steeped in social activism and electoral politics.

He has more happily done his share of door-knocking over four federal and municipal elections in the past dozen years.

"My strength is that I think I work well with people."

It is not lost on the younger Savage that his father's "passionate, aggressive drive for reform" led to his ouster as Liberal leader before he'd even completed his first term as premier.

Savage has spent the first half of his own

Upbringing

Savage grew up in a home steeped in social activism and electoral politics.

first term as mayor putting the pieces into place: Council itself no longer seems quite so dysfunctional.

He says he's "excited by the fact that the city is now doing things — in housing, immigration, health, the arts — that the city hasn't done before. We're maturing."

What will that mean for the last two years of his four-year mandate? We'll talk about that — and how he thinks he should be judged in 2016 — next week.

Your Halifax



Myles starts the marathon hype machine

Myles, the Blue Nose Marathon mascot, makes the rounds on the Emera Oval on Sunday as part of the Blue Nose Icebreaker event. The marathon runs in May throughout the streets of Halifax and Dartmouth. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

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Letters

RE: A System by the Humans, for the Humans,
published Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015

There has been much made about reducing speed limits for motorized vehicles within urban areas. Here in Halifax there are many locations where parked cars are within five metres of crosswalks. Might it be prudent to advocate for more than a five-metre separation between crosswalks and parked cars, in addition to slowing cars down?

And what about that street lighting? The new white LEDs might help vehicle operators, but they don't cast directional light onto the sidewalk, nevermind the glare off roadside LED billboards. The roads around here are not designed for humans.

Weldon Young, Halifax

First on my Halifax transit wish list would be designated bus lanes and also a light rail system and/or trams.

Failing that, many of our bus routes really don't make sense and should be revamped.

For an example, the other day I had to go downtown. I live a couple of blocks up from Gottingen Street, and the only bus that I can get from there to downtown is a No. 7. I think there is a No. 21 but I've never actually seen it. I waited but no bus came, and then I had to walk. In the meantime there were lines of buses crawling along the other way. I count eight bus routes that go from downtown and over the bridge, yet not one comes back along Gottingen. This doesn't make sense to me and it is inevitable that there are traffic snarl-ups. Do all those routes have to go over the bridge?

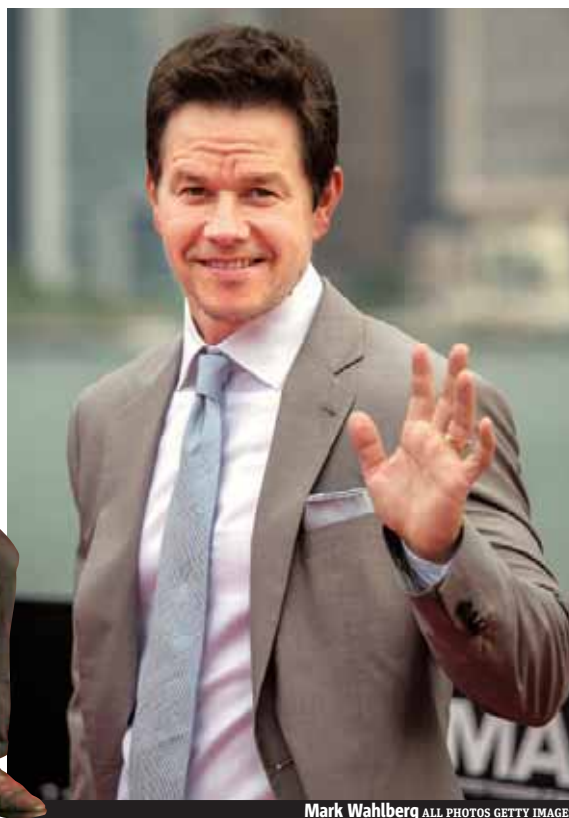
Another bus route problem is the No. 320 to the airport. I love the service and use it whenever I can. But why does it start and end in Halifax at a place to where one can't get a bus? Can't you find room for it on Barrington then it wouldn't have to go around the block twice? Also, people wouldn't be stuck with a long walk to other bus choices. This is especially problematic when it is late at night, the weather is bad and perhaps one is a vulnerable person on their own.

Mel O'Toole, Halifax

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METRO'S TAKE ON
THE WORLD OF
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Mark Wahlberg ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Once a racist, always a racist says Wahlberg's former victim

Mark Wahlberg is still seeking an official pardon for his 1988 assault of two Vietnamese men while stealing beer in the Boston area.

But at least one of his former victims — from a separate violent attack — thinks that's a terrible idea.

"I don't think he should

get a pardon," Kristyn Atwood tells the Associated Press.

Atwood was among a group of mostly black elementary school children chased and pelted with rocks by a then-14-year-old Wahlberg and his friends during a 1986 field trip.

"I don't really care who

he is," Atwood says.

"It doesn't make him any exception. If you're a racist, you're always going to be a racist. And for him to want to erase it, I think it's wrong."

Even if it's for a really noble cause like getting a liquor license for his restaurant?

Rodman invites Rogen to visit North Korea

Noted friend of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and noted crazy-pants Dennis Rodman

is finally — finally! — chiming in on the Sony hack and The Interview, the con-

troversial Seth Rogen comedy that supposedly caused it all.

"If the North wanted to hack anything in the world, anything in the world, really, they are going to go hack a movie? Really?" Rodman tells the Hollywood Reporter, insisting that North Korea was not behind the cyber-attack.

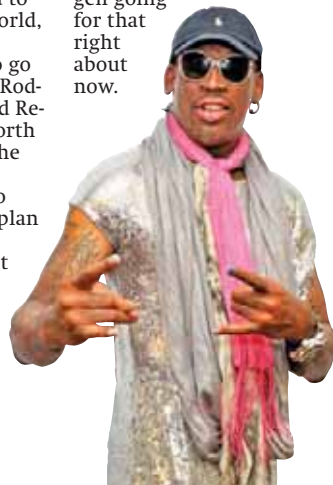
The regular visitor to North Korea also has a plan to ease tensions caused by the film — or at least insert himself into the conversation.

"I would ask Seth and all those involved in the movie to go to North Korea with me.

Seth Rogen, left,
and Dennis Rodman

And then do an interview with me about the movie."

Somehow, I don't see Rogen going for that right about now.



Marsha, Marsha, Marsha! Jan gets her own meme as Brady Bunch hits Netflix

Thanks to the Brady Bunch movies making it onto Netflix, and a generation of Tumblr-happy teens who weren't alive when the films came out discovering them, we have the "Sure, Jan" meme.

And Jennifer Elise Cox, the actress who played Jan Brady in the films, is just fine with that.

"They trolled me, and then I saw it and I absolutely loved it," Cox tells Vulture.

"My husband said to me, 'You've got to be in a meme if you want to be



Jennifer Elise Cox

anywhere.' And then I was like, 'Wow, I feel so lucky that I ended up in one.'" Sure, Jan.



Mandy Moore



Ryan Adams

Mandy and Ryan still cool, even as their marriage melts

Dang it, this one seemed like it had staying power.

"Mandy Moore and Ryan Adams have mutually decided to end their marriage of almost six years," report reps for the now-exes. "It is a respectful, amicable parting of ways, and both Mandy and Ryan are asking for media to respect their privacy at this time."

OK, two things:

First, there's no need to

brag about how laid-back and easygoing your breakup is. We get it, you're so cool.

And second: Adams and Moore — or at least their reps — get major points for correctly using "media" as the plural noun that it is.

To help you cope with this news, think back to when they first started dating and how much that seemed to make absolutely no sense. Good times.

GOT's Sophie Turner to play an X-Men mutant

Director Bryan Singer has found some fresh blood to embody younger versions of mutants Jean Grey, Storm and Cyclops for the upcoming X-Men: Age of Apocalypse, and one of them is Game of Thrones star Sophie Turner.

Turner, who plays snooty Sansa Stark on the hit series, will take on the role originated by Famke

Janssen in the original X-Men film in 2000.

Also joining the cast are Tye Sheridan as Cyclops and singer Alexandra Shipp as Storm.

Sophie Turner



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U.S. Netflix isn't as great as it seems

Analysis. We've all heard griping that programming selection south of the border is best, but quantity doesn't necessarily mean quality

Feeling left out and ignored by Netflix Canada?

Cheer up. It may not be as bad as it seems.

Previously unpublished data provided to the Toronto Star confirms the widely held suspicion that there is far more variety for Netflix viewers in the U.S. than in Canada.

Canadian Netflix subscribers can only view half of the movie and television titles available to Americans on the online streaming service. But the data, which Netflix refuses to officially release, also suggests the Canadian list includes more hits and fewer stinkers.

The data was provided to the Star by Netflixable, a website offering a country by coun-



Netflix U.S. may boast more offerings, but are you really missing out if those offerings include Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead? ISTOCK

try periscope into 20 regions covered by the worldwide streaming service.

It shows that Canadian viewers can watch some hits that aren't available south of the border, including Blue Jasmine (2013), X-Men: First Class (2011), The Dark Knight Rises (2012), Black Swan (2010) and Batman: The Dark Knight Returns: Part 1 (2012).

"The Netflix U.S. and Netflix Canada services are treated differently by the company," said Michael Geist, a Star columnist and research chair in Internet

and E-commerce Law at the University of Ottawa.

"The Netflix U.S. is focused on adding more choice with curation on subscriber interest coming later (i.e. make content available and determine whether to continue to offer based on interest)," Geist said in an email.

Some of the American titles that aren't available here include non-Oscar winners Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead (2006) and Vibrator (2003).

"A lot of people who have never done this make the as-

sumption that the United States Netflix is the best," Josh Loewen, founder, owner and CEO of Netflixable, said in an interview.

"Their number might be the highest, but the quality of the titles (matters). There is no best," Loewen said. "Canada's got some great stuff that's exclusive to us."

Geist said there's another theory for the leaner Canadian playlist. "The cynical view is that Netflix doesn't need to create a larger library for Canada since many Can-

Data rundown

A computer program built by Netflixable CEO Josh Loewen automatically checks on a daily basis public websites to record the titles available in each of the 20 regions. The data shows that American viewers had a choice of 7,202 titles, the most in the world, followed by Canada in second place at 3,663.

DVD review



Fury

Director. David Ayer

Stars. Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman

Battlefield reality and macho myth collide in David Ayer's Second World War tank drama, which resembles history but unloads like a comic book.

Seeming as if he's picking up where he left off from Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds, Brad Pitt once again plays a drawling Nazi slayer who has no qualms about spilling Aryan blood.

He's in considerably tighter quarters as tank commander Sgt. Don "Wardaddy" Collier, who is every bit as scarred as the Sherman machine he rolls across German terrain. He's accompanied by the usual stereotypes: lead gunner Boyd "Bible" Swan (Shia LaBeouf), who praises the Lord but also pulls the trigger; Latino driver Trini "Gordo" Garcia (Michael Peña), who can turn Fury on a dime; mechanic Grady "Coon-Ass" Travis (The Walking Dead's Jon Bernthal), who might be in a psycho ward if not for the Second World War; and new guy Norman Ellison (Logan Lerman), a typist and pacifist.

It's April, 1945, and the war is rapidly winding down, but the losing Germans aren't willing to go down quietly. In fact, they're going down angrily and violently, especially on their homeland soil.

Attention to details give Fury heft and value, as does solid acting, but Ayer seems to lose his resolve in two scenes that are straight out of a Sgt. Fury Marvel Comics episode, or maybe a Hollywood script rewrite.

Extras include 50 minutes of deleted scenes and making-of featurettes.

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Game change. The Elder Scrolls Online adopts one time fee, membership tier



The Elder Scrolls Online now offers premium monthly membership that grants players a pass to additional areas. CONTRIBUTED/ BETHESDA SOFTWARES

The Elder Scrolls Online (TESO), Bethesda's multiplayer role-playing game, is dropping its monthly fee in favour of a one-time charge and a premium membership tier.

Released on Mac and PC in April 2014, and destined for PlayStation 4 and Xbox One this June, the game started out as a \$15 per month subscription title that brought the legacy and look of Skyrim and its predecessors to the World of Warcraft MMO genre.

But with both PlayStation

and Xbox already charging players a membership fee to play online, TESO will be dropping its mandatory charge across all three platforms, adopting a new name in the process, The Elder Scrolls Online: Tamriel Unlimited. Monthly premium membership, now called ESO Plus, grants subscribers an all-access pass to additional areas, a monthly allowance of in-game funds, plus faster progression for their characters and equipment.

AFF

Why it's time to stash some cash

Planning. Build up an emergency fund so that when the worst does happen, you'll have some options



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Have you ever thought about what you'd do if you lost your job or got sick and the paycheques just stopped coming in? How would you pay your rent or your mortgage? Where would you get the money for food?

How about all those other expenses that gobble up your paycheck now? Sure, if you're terminated from work, there might be some Employment Insurance, but EI takes time to kick in, and it isn't very much. So what would you do to make ends meet?

The term the financial industry likes to use to describe that pile of money you stash away just in case is "emergency fund." But I like to call it my FU Account. That's because having money in the bank gives me the option of saying FU if I'm asked to compromise my standards. It also means that if a tree falls on my house I can say, "FU tree!" Man, I love my FU Account.

People who don't see the point in having an emergency fund are either shortsighted, or completely unwilling to stop spending all their money. They are so averse to taking a little bit of what they are blowing on crap and setting it aside that they're willing to brave the terrors of an emergency — and it's only a matter of time — without any kind of safety net.

Whenever I talk about an



If you are ever laid off from work, wouldn't it be nice to know you had enough money set aside to keep a roof over your head and food in your belly until employment insurance kicks in? ISTOCK

emergency fund, inevitably I get a barrage of excuses about saving the money. My favourites come from the people who just don't want to stop doing what they're doing.

From the small expenses such as a cellphone, buying bottled beverages or dropping the odd \$20 on new makeup, to the people who spend gobs decorating and re-decorating their homes, eating lunch and dinner out, or taking vacations, people are unwilling to stop spending every red cent they make.

Do you have a gadget habit? Can't resist a new pair of shoes? Do you pick up a new magazine every time you're at the checkout? Believe it or not, you don't have to get a manicure. If you think a manicure is a need, you're delusional. And if you already own 10 pairs of shoes, the

next pair is sheer indulgence. So is that bottle of nail polish, the new DVD, or the beer after work. They're all distractions from savings.

You don't have to start by saving a whack of money. This week, open up a high interest savings account and then arrange an automatic transfer to that account every month. Start with \$30 — a dollar a day. That's not so much to not spend, now is it?

To build your FU account, look for ways to find more money. You know those coupons you use to save at the grocery store? Ship that money over to your FU Account. And that outfit you bought on sale last week? Send the difference to your FU Account. If you have money for cookies and pedis, you have money to build an emergency fund so that if the

worst does happen, you've got some options.

How good would it feel to not have to panic when the car breaks down and you need to come up with an unpredictable \$2,400? How much better would you feel if your baby, your mom or your partner gets sick and you knew you could take time off work, without pay, to see to their needs?

How much smarter would you feel if you got laid off from work and had enough money set aside to keep a roof over your head and food in your belly until EI kicks in — it's a pathetic amount, really — or you could get another job?

That'll likely take about six months (that's what the studios show, kids) so that's why you'll need to have enough to cover six months' worth of essential expenses. Make your

Make it cash, not credit

- An emergency fund is cash you've accumulated so that you can have the money you need to keep things in balance when the crap hits the fan. Don't buy the BS that a line of credit is an emergency fund. That's just some lender trying to get rich off you.
- Some people have a problem with the concept of the money in their emergency fund just sitting there earning a pittance in interest, waiting to be called into active duty when the worst happens. Once they've built up a couple of thousand dollars, the vacation becomes a "sanity emergency," or they run up their credit cards and that becomes a "debt emergency."
- But anything you can predict having to spend money on is not an emergency — it should be a line item on your budget and become a planned spending category.

savings automatic. If you decide to save \$100 a month, have that amount auto-debited from your main banking account to your high interest savings account every month. You'll get used to living without that money in no time flat. And when the paycheques unexpectedly stop coming in, you'll be damn glad you have some money stashed away.

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Workplace blues can lead to booze: Study

Career. Research indicates longer hours can increase the risk of alcohol abuse in workers

It's true: working too hard can drive you to drink, say researchers who warn of the health risks of such dual excess.

An overview of studies covering more than 400,000 people showed that individuals who exceed 48 working hours per week are likelier to consume "risky" quantities of alcohol.

The paper, published in The BMJ journal, reported that long working hours boosted the likelihood of higher alcohol intake by 11 per cent overall.

People who worked 49-54 hours a week ran a 13-per cent higher risk of developing a "risky alcohol use" habit compared to counterparts who worked a 35-40-hour work week.

Those working 55 hours

Quoted

"This meta-analysis supports the long-standing suspicion that among workers subjected to long working hours, alcohol can seem like a fast acting and effective way to dull work-related aches and pains and smooth the transition between work life and home life."

Cassandra Okechukwu
The Harvard School of Public Health

or more were 12 per cent more at risk.

"Risky" alcohol use was defined as more than 14 units per week for a woman and more than 21 for a man — levels that have been linked to a higher risk for liver and heart disease, cancer, stroke and mental disorders.

An alcohol unit is the equivalent of a third of a pint of medium-strength beer, half a 175-millilitre (six fluid ounces) glass of red wine with 12 per cent alcohol by volume, or a 25 ml-shot of whiskey.

The findings add statistical backing to anecdotal

evidence for a link between excessive work and alcohol abuse, the authors said.

More than a dozen developed economies were covered by the research, including Canada, Britain, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan and the United States.

"This meta-analysis supports the long-standing suspicion that among workers subjected to long working hours, alcohol can seem like a fast acting and effective way to dull work-related aches and pains and smooth the transition between

work life and home life," Cassandra Okechukwu of the Harvard School of Public Health wrote in an editorial.

Long working hours have previously been linked to cardiovascular disease, depression and anxiety.

The increased risk of developing a "risky" drinking habit from over-work was small in absolute terms, Okechukwu said.

Also, having a job was associated with a lower prevalence of alcohol consumption and a higher chance of recovery from alcohol misuse than being unemployed.

Even so, the risk should be taken seriously.

"Any exposure associated with avoidable increases in disease or health damaging behaviour, or both, warrants careful examination," said Okechukwu.

"Indeed, these findings could add impetus to further regulation of working hours as a public health intervention."

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If you feel your health is being compromised by your work schedule, it may be time to address it with your manager. ISTOCK

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I've been ogling my office crush online



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Dear Metro,
I was recently browsing OK-Cupid and came across a very cute guy who works at my company. I've always admired him from afar, but we've only met in passing since he works in another department on another floor. I badly want to send him a message, but I'm scared it might seem inappropriate if he's not interested. How can I make a move without making things weird at work?
— Long-Distance Lurker

Dear LDL,
Online dating is an efficient way to cozy up to a faraway crush — or an efficient route to uncomfortable run-ins with an unrequited crush. When pursuing colleagues on OKC, creep carefully. The taboos associated with online dating may be as passé as the three-day rule, but some online lovers still prefer



Love might be in the air, but should you bring it down to earth with the click of your mouse? ISTOCK

anonymity. Learning that a real life acquaintance has peeped his profile — especially someone who knows him professionally — might irk your prospective date.

You can't pretend you've never met, but you can keep things on the down-low if he prefers to remain incognito.

Before hitting send on the kissy-face emoji, attempt an in-person suss-out.

Take a break from stalking him on the internet and (subtly) stalk him in person: the

elevator, the break room, wherever you can strike up real-life chitchat. If he seems responsive in the flesh, he'll probably dig a virtual flirt.

This will only be as inappropriate as you make it. There's no way to guarantee romance, but if your approach is relaxed and upfront, you'll at least earn a new workplace pal.

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A Kafta is a Middle Eastern dish resembling the American burger, but with a different shape and flavour.

Traditionally it is made with lamb or beef, but you can also use ground chicken to lessen the calories and fat.

The use of mint and cilantro along with a dash of cinnamon give this ethnic dish its originality.

You can put the Kafta on skewers or just roll the meat into oval shapes and grill or bake it. You can also barbecue the meat rather than baking it.

This combination of flavours goes well with a homemade tahini sauce and diced vegetables. I love

Ingredients

Kaftas

- 1 1/2 lb lean ground beef, lamb or chicken
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup unseasoned bread crumbs
- 3 tbsp chopped mint
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- Salt and pepper

Tahini Sauce

- 2 tbsp reduced fat mayo
- 2 tbsp reduced fat sour cream
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp tahini paste

Garnish

- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- Naan bread, soft roll

to serve Kaftas with naan bread or a soft bun.

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Combine all ingredients for Kaftas until well mixed. Form into 8 oval shapes and put a 6-inch wooded skewer through the middle (length-wise) or omit the skewers if desired. On a hot grill pan, sear the outsides of the kaftas then place on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes or just until temper-



This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

ature reaches 160 F.

2. Meanwhile, make the

tahini sauce by mixing the mayo, sour cream, sesame oil, soy sauce and tahini.

3. Serve Beef Kaftas with the tahini sauce and diced vegetables. If you're using

the naan bread or soft rolls, serve the Kaftas over the top and drizzle with tahini.

This cucumber salad defines simplicity

Ingredients

- 1 long English cucumber (skin on)
- 3 tbsp sliced black olives
- 6 cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1/4 cup tzatziki (homemade or store bought)

Tzatziki

- 1/3 cup plain low-fat yogurt or Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp fresh chopped dill
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- salt and pepper

A long English cucumber when sliced lengthwise into ribbons makes a decorative salad or garnish.

This is a simple salad garnished with black olives and tomatoes and served with a Tzatziki sauce — easy and oh so tasty!

1. With a vegetable peeler, slice cucumber length wise leaving the skin on, until you get approximately 10 long cucumber ribbons. Decoratively place on a platter. Divide olives and tomatoes overtop.



This Cucumber Salad recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

2. Combine ingredients for tzatziki sauce. If too thick, add

a little water. Drizzle over top of salad. ROSE REISMAN

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All-stars leave 'em shell-shocked in Ohio

NHL. Voracek fuels Team Toews in high-scoring game for the ages

By the time players finished scoring a record 29 goals at the NHL all-star game, they agreed that there was one loud, ear-piercing negative: The cannon at Nationwide Arena.

"I hate the cannon," Philadelphia Flyers captain Claude Giroux said.

Florida Panthers goaltender Roberto Luongo added that the cannon wasn't his favourite part of the weekend either.

The cannon went off more times in one game in the building than ever before, marking goals by the team led by Nick Foligno of the host Columbus Blue Jackets. Team Toews beat Team Foligno 17-12 in the mid-season exhibition featuring many of hockey's top stars playing shinny with no hitting, no defence and no mercy for goal-tenders.

"That's all we're really doing out there is having fun and kind of trying to show our skill at the same time," Chicago Blackhawks winger Patrick Kane said. "Kind of



Predators forward Filip Forsberg and Flyers forward Jakub Voracek celebrate a Team Toews goal on Sunday night at the NHL all-star game in Columbus, Ohio. The former Halifax Moosehead Voracek tied Mario Lemieux's all-star record with six points. KIRK IRWIN/GETTY IMAGES

All-star game

17

Team Toews

12

Team Foligno

feels like summer hockey a little bit where there's a lot of breakaways, a lot of odd-man rushes."

And a lot of goals, breaking the record set in 2001 in Denver when North America beat the World 14-12. This one was a wide-open affair in which all but three players registered at least a point.

Jakub Voracek of the Philadelphia Flyers had six points on a hat trick and three assists, tying Mario Lemieux's 1988 record.

"I think it's a little different, Voracek and Lemieux, right?" said Voracek, the former Blue Jackets winger who also leads the NHL in scoring at the all-star break. "Three secondary assists. I'll take it, but I wouldn't make a big deal out of it."

Despite tying Lemieux, Voracek was not the most valuable player. Hometown star Ryan Johansen received that honour as part of an on-line fan vote.

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Pro Bowl goes down to wire

Tight ends Martellus Bennett and Greg Olsen celebrate a touchdown for Team Carter against Team Irvin in the NFL Pro Bowl on Sunday night in Glendale, Ariz. Hall of Famers Michael Irvin and Cris Carter chose the teams in a draft carried on with much hoopla Wednesday night. Irvin's side won 32-28. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

NFL. Seahawks' Thomas says he'll play vs. Patriots

Seahawks All-Pro safety Earl Thomas promises he will play in the Super Bowl and will remain fearless when he gets on the field.

Thomas pronounced his separated left shoulder "pretty good" when the team arrived Sunday in Phoenix

for the Super Bowl. He was injured in Seattle's overtime win against Green Bay a week ago for the NFC championship. He left the game but returned, and says there is no way he won't face New England next Sunday.

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Tennis

Cibulkova ousts Azarenka in Oz

Dominika Cibulkova reproduced the kind of tennis that helped her reach the final last year as she beat two-time champion Victoria Azarenka 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the fourth round of the Australian Open.

Under the closed roof at Rod Laver Arena, Cibulkova pounded 44 winners, including a dozen on her backhand side, and broke former No. 1-ranked Azarenka's serve seven times Monday to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal for the sixth time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Raptors hold on to top Pistons

Jonas Valanciunas had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors held off a late charge by the Detroit Pistons for a 114-110 victory on Sunday.

It was Valanciunas's team-best 14th double-double of the season

DeMar DeRozan had 25 points and six rebounds with four assists for Toronto (29-15), which has now won back-to-back games. All-star guard Kyle Lowry had 11 points and eight assists for the Raps. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rainmen benefit from home cooking

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Rowdy crowd backs newcomer McMorrow to his first win with Halifax squad



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The skies were clear Sunday for Liam McMorrow's debut on the Scotiabank Centre court.

The seven-foot-two, 275-pound centre from Toronto even brought a little sunshine with him, towering over teammates and the opposition to put up 16 points and pull down six rebounds, helping lead his new team to a 119-115 win over the Saint John Mill Rats.

The Rainmen had just come off a dreary Ontario road trip, acquiring two tough losses — 95-68 to defending NBL Canada champions the Windsor Express last Wednesday and 114-85 to the Mississauga Power on Thursday.

"We just had to put it behind us," said McMorrow, whose first appearance in the Rainmen lineup was in Thursday's away game.

"We've just got to play together. We've got to stick to our defence."

McMorrow, who has also played for the New York Knicks in the NBA Summer League and was drafted by the



Rainmen centre Liam McMorrow comes up against Mill Rats forwards Eric Crookshanks, centre, and Kenny Jones on Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

On Sunday

119

Rainmen

115

Mill Rats

- The Halifax Rainmen travel to take on the Moncton Miracles on Sunday at 2 p.m., and then host the Brampton A's on Feb. 6 and Windsor Express on Feb. 8.

NBA Development League's Iowa Energy, said those were key elements in Sunday's successful game plan.

"It kind of fell off a little bit at the end of the second and start of the third, but we picked it back up," said the 27-year-old Marquette University and Tennessee Technological University alumnus.

Halifax kicked it off by snagging a 32-20 lead after the first quarter, but the Mill Rats had tied it up at 54 apiece after two. The cheers of 4,035 fans

helped the Rainmen regain a 90-78 lead after the third quarter.

Rainmen forward Kevin Young led the way with 22 points and 14 rebounds and guard Forrest Fisher contributed 21 points, including 15 from beyond the arc.

"Basketball is a momentum game, so if you get a big dunk or a big shot everyone goes crazy," McMorrow said of his first time in front of Halifax's rambunctious crowd. "It makes you want to come back and play hard."

Kenny Jones and Darin Mency both scored 22 points for the Mill Rats.

The Rainmen are in second place of the Atlantic Division with an 11-12 record.

Curling

Arsenault rink off to nationals

Team Arsenault has booked its ticket to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

The national women's championship runs Feb. 14-22 in Moose Jaw, Sask.

Skip Mary-Anne Arsenault, third Christina Black, second Jane Snyder and lead Jennifer Baxter played to a 7-2 record at the provincial championship. The winners beat Team Breen 7-5 in the final. **METRO**

AUS hockey

Female Huskies pick up two wins

The Saint Mary's Huskies skated away with two wins in weekend women's hockey action, edging the UPEI Panthers 2-1 on Saturday and topping the Moncton Aigles Bleues 3-1 on Sunday.

The Dalhousie Tigers played two overtimes, losing 2-1 to Moncton Saturday and edging the St. Thomas Tommies 3-2 Sunday.

On the men's side, Saint Mary's topped St. Thomas 6-5 Friday and fell 3-1 to UPEI Saturday. Dalhousie lost 7-2 to the UNB Varsity Reds on Friday and Moncton 10-3 Saturday. **METRO**

AUS basketball

Tigers split weekend games

Both the male and female Dalhousie Tigers scored a win and suffered a loss to the Memorial Sea-Hawks on the court this past weekend. On Friday, the Saint Mary's Huskies played four-point games against the UPEI Panthers, with the men falling 118-109 and women winning 60-40. **METRO**

Quoted

"He is a game-changer and will give us that physicality we've been missing."

Rainmen owner and president Andrew Levingston on newly acquired centre Liam McMorrow



Kevin Resop made 24 saves in the Mooseheads' 5-2 win over the Voltigeurs on Sunday. He was named the game's first star. **METRO FILE**

Herd earn 1-2 record on road trip

The Halifax Mooseheads had a sour start to their weekend road trip, but capped it off Sunday on a sweet note with a 5-2 win over the Drummondville Voltigeurs.

Rookie Kevin Resop manned the posts for the most part, replacing Eric Brassard after he suffered a lower-body injury late in the second period during Friday's 6-1 loss to the Quebec Remparts.

The Herd also fell 7-4 to the Sherbrooke Phoenix on

Saturday.

Resop made 24 saves Sunday to earn the first star and help his team to a much-needed win after a tough few days.

Right-winger Timo Meier received second star honours for scoring two goals in the third period, both of which were assisted by Danny Moynihan.

Moynihan added one of his own, deflecting a shot from blue-liner Sam Hunter

to tie it up at one-apiece, just over five minutes into the first period.

Left-winger Nikolaj Ehlers scored on a high shot with 25 seconds left on the clock in the opening frame, while forward Philippe Gadoury assisted Meier's first marker and scored on the empty net to seal the deal.

Philippe Pelletier-Leblanc and Matthew Boucher scored for Drummondville.

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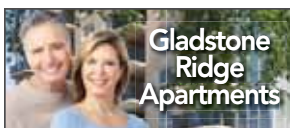
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

A problem can quite easily be resolved, by ignoring it. This is a situation where something is an issue only because you choose to think of it as an issue.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Be careful what you say today because if you leave any doubt about your meaning someone could take your words the wrong way and cause a scene.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Force yourself to look on the bright side today. According to the planets you have nothing to worry about but you may have to trick yourself into believing it.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

This is potentially an excellent time for you but you find that hard to believe. Why? Mercury is playing tricks on your mind. A few days from now something remarkable, and most welcome, is going to happen.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't dwell on negative news as the week begins, especially if it involves someone you care for. The planets say you're taking the situation too seriously.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

This may be a confusing day as the signals you get from co-workers are jumbled. Your best course of action is to ignore their words and focus on body language. It will speak.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Your logic circuits don't seem to be functioning, most likely because mind planet Mercury is in one of its retrograde phases. If in doubt, listen to what your inner voice is trying to tell you.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The planets warn this is not a good time to take chances as cosmic activity in one of the more sensitive areas of your chart is clouding your ability to separate fact from fiction.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may find it hard to tell the good guys from the bad guys today, so be on your guard and take nothing for granted. You could also read too much into perfectly normal situations, so don't jump to conclusions.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If something about your cash flow situation is bothering you chances are it is mainly, if not entirely, in your mind. So don't think, just act instinctively.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Don't get carried away by your own enthusiasms. You will get your chance to shine but pushing too hard could be counter-productive.

♓ Pisces

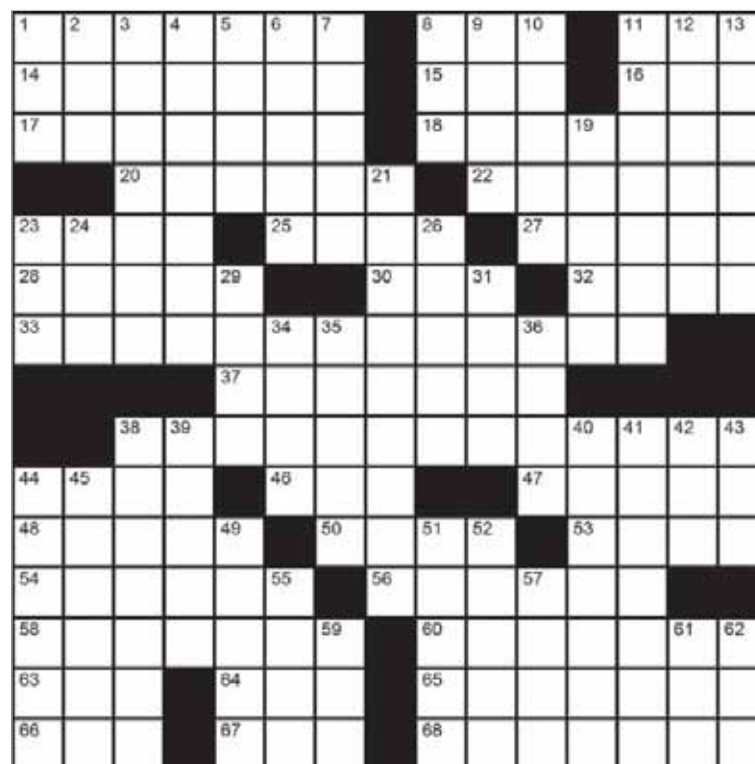
Feb. 20 - March 20

You will have to deal with someone's negative emotions today, without getting negative or emotional yourself. Smile.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. CBC's new comedy starring Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara, "___ Creek"
8. Director Mr. Lee
11. British mother, colloquially
14. There's no one like 'her' in The Turtles tune
15. Caviar
16. Lab eggs
17. Carnivorous dish: 2 wds.
18. Palais des ___ (Montreal convention centre)
20. Circle of latitude north of the Equator, ___ of Cancer
22. Primps
23. Okinawa seaport
25. The Hollies song, when tripled
27. Result
28. Tony-winning actress Judith, and surnamesakes
30. '___' in Queensville
32. Conform to commands
33. Engineering marvel connecting Cape Breton to mainland Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
37. "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) candleabra character
38. "The ___": Rush song that goes "Begin the day with a friendly voice..."
44. Really cry



46. L's spelling
47. Era
48. Also known as...
50. Price listing word
53. Romantic's creation
54. Fractured finger fixer
56. Howie ___, Canadian hockey analyst

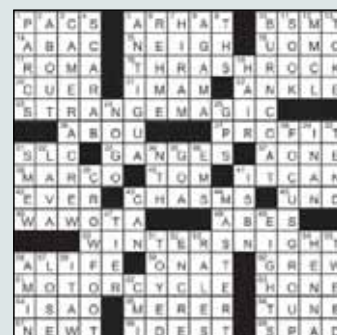
58. 1960s series, "Dr. ___"
60. She gave Theseus thread to escape the Minotaur's labyrinth
63. 'Serpent' suffix
64. ___-de-sac
65. Time in a recording studio
66. Mr. Beatty

67. Essential
 68. Reverences
- Down**
1. School yr. part
 2. NBA Cavs, on a scoreboard
 3. Infidel
 4. New-assignments-holders on desks
 5. Classic TV mouse,

- ___ Gigio
6. Vacations
7. Don't give up, ___ through
8. Curve
9. Cute-sounding denial
10. Sort or style
11. BC: One of the two big Haida Gwaii

- islands
12. Street sort
13. Toronto-born actor Raymond who starred on #58-Across
19. Birthplace of Columbus
21. City in BC
23. Ms. Kidman, to pals
24. Ms. Gardner
26. Promenade
29. Prefix meaning 'Sun'
31. Feudal worker
34. Medical breakthrough
35. "...inch and he'll take ___"
36. "The Way We ___" (1973)
38. Guzzled
39. Tartan
40. Placate
41. Options-in-a-desperate-situation
42. Wintertime surface
43. Electrical resistance unit
44. ___ Robbins ice cream chain
45. ___ skiing
49. Coffee break treat
51. Quit
52. "___ hoping!" (Dreamer's exclamation)
55. Genuine
57. 'Sun' suffix (Big name in oranges)
59. English cathedral town
61. ___ de plume
62. Nav. rank

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